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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1311 (Delegate Myers)  
Economic Matters

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State Boards of Plumbing, Master Electricians, and Heating, Ventilation, Air-  
Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors - Membership

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This bill increases the membership of the State Board of Plumbing; the State Board of Master Electricians; and the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors by two members per board. The new members of each board must be code officials employed by a unit of government in the State to administer and enforce the mechanical, electrical, fire, plumbing, energy, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, building, or property maintenance code of a municipality, county, or the State.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for the additional board members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation's existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The State Board of Plumbing and the State Board of Master Electricians each consists of nine members. Seven members of the board of plumbing must be plumbers, and six members of the board of electricians must be master electricians. The remaining members of each board must be consumer representatives. Board members must reside in specified areas to ensure that all regions of the State are fairly represented.

The State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors consists of seven members: three must be master heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors; one must be a master electrician; one must be a master plumber; and two must represent consumers. Members of this board also must reside in specified areas of the State for the purposes of fair representation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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